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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Chukwuma O. Nwaonicha

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14-20, 23-35, 37 and 42-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14-20, 23-35, 37 and 42-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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***DETAILED ACTION***

***Current Status***

1. This action is responsive to Applicants' amendment of 28 February 2006.
2. Claims 1-12, 14-35, 37 and 42-48 are under active consideration in the instant application.

***Election/Restrictions***

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

**Group 1.** Claims 1-12, 14-20, 23-35, 37 and 42-48 drawn to a method for decomposing a neutral organophosphorus compound wherein the neutral organophosphorus compound is chemical warfare agent, classified in class 548, subclass 886+.

**Group 2.** Claims 1-12, 14-21, 47 and 48 drawn to a method for decomposing a neutral organophosphorus compound wherein the neutral organophosphorus compound is a pesticide, classified in class 548, subclass 886+.

**Group 3.** Claims 1-12, 14-20, 22, 47 and 48 drawn to a method for decomposing a neutral organophosphorus compound wherein the neutral organophosphorus compound is an insecticide, classified in class 548, subclass 886+.

The inventions of Groups 1-3 are independent and patentably distinct because there is no patentable co-action among the three groups and a reference anticipating one member will not render the other obvious. Group 1 is drawn to a chemical warfare

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agent, Group 2 is drawn to a pesticide while Group 3 is drawn to a insecticide. These are three different inventions.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter and as shown by their different classification, a search of the three groups designated above would impose an undue burden upon the examiner, and restriction for examination purposes as indicated is therefor proper.

A telephone call was made to Stephen Scribner on 10/24/06 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chukwuma O. Nwaonicha whose telephone number is 571-272-2908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.



If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman k. Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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